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14 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
15 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, OAKLAND DIVISION**

16 THE FOCAL POINT, LLC, a California
17 limited liability company; ANDREW
18 SPINGLER; LINDA SPINGLER; G.
19 CHRISTOPHER RITTER; and SCOTT
20 HILTON,

21 Plaintiffs,

22 vs.

23 CNA INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.;
24 CONTINENTAL CASUALTY
25 COMPANY,

26 Defendants.

Civil Action No. C 07-05764 MHP

VIA E-FILING

**DECLINATION TO PROCEED BEFORE A
MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

-- AND --

**REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

27 **REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:**

28 The undersigned parties, through counsel, hereby decline to consent to the assignment of
this case to a United States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby request the
reassignment of this case to a United States District Judge.

Dated: December 3, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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